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May 11, 1967

Harold Weisberg Coq d'Or Farm Hyattstown, Maryland

Civil Action File No. 67-648 United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana New Orleans Division Section F

Dr. Carlos Bringuier vs Gambi Publications, Inc., et al

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith citation served in regard to the above entitled proceeding.

Yours very truly,

Secretary of State

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# DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA NEW ORLEANS DIVISION .

DR. CARLOS BRINGUIER

Vs.

Gambi Publications, Inc and Harold Weisberg



#### PETITION FOR DAMAGES

The complaint of Dr. Carlos Bringuier, domiciled at 532 Delmar St.,

Gretna, in the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, respectfully shows that:

I.

That the United States District Court has jurisdiction of the herein suit since there is diversity between party Plaintiff and party Defendants, and since the amount exceeds the sum of \$ 10,000.00.

II.

The Gambi Publications, Inc., a defendant herein, is a New York corporation, which is not qualified to do business in Louisiana, but is doing business in the State because of the sale and distribution of the magazine "Saga", and Harold Weisberg, a defendant herein, residing at Coq D'Or Farm, Hyattstown, Maryland, who conducts business in the State of Louisiana by virtue of the sales in Louisiana of his book "Whitewash-The Report on the Warren Commission Report", is the author of the article "Kennedy's Marder-Buried Proof of a Conspiracy", which article appears in the April 1967 edition of Saga magazine, designated as Volume 34, No. 1, and by virtue of his being the author and publisher of the book entitled "Whitewash-The Report on the Warren Commission Report", which book has been widely sold and distributed in the State of Louisiana, are justly and truely indebted unto petitioner jointly, severally, and in solido, in the full sum of One Million Dollars (\$ 1,000,000.00) for the reasons hereinafter set forth.

That the aforesaid publishers of Saga magazine printed certain portions of Harold Weisberg's book, "Whitewash-The Report on the Warren Commission Report", and that said article was published and printed in the April 1967 edition of Saga magazine and said magazine was widely distributed, sold, and read in the New Orleans area, the State of Louisiana, throughout the United States, and in foreign countries, with the foreign editions handled through the International Division of Macfadden-Bartell Corporation, a New York corporation.

IV.

The Harold Weisberg edition of "Whitewash-The Report on the Warren Commission Report" was copyrighted by the author Harold Weisberg during 1965, and the article appearing in Saga magazine entitled "Kennedy's Murder-Buried Proof of a Conspiracy" was copyrighted by Gambi Publications, Inc., curing 1967.

V.

The April 1967 edition of Saga magazine, published, sold, and circulated on said date, and the book "Whitewash-The Report on the Warren Commission Report", copyrighted, sold and circulated from the year 1965 to the date of the filing of this suit, contained certain articles defaming petitioner in the following words:

- A. That petitioner was a former official of the Castro government in Cuba until he defected in May 1960.
- B. That petitioner disguised the aforesaid allegation to the degree possible during petitioner's sworn testimony before the Warren Commission while the latter was investigating the assassination of former President John F.
- C. That although petitioner identified himself during sworn testimony before the Warren Commission as a salesman and manager of a store called Casa Boca (or Casa Bocca), 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, he was in fact, an owner in partnership with his brother-in-law, Rolando Pelaez.
- D. That upon petitioner's arrival in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 18, 1961, he was the delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council.
  - E. That petitioner is an anemy of the United States, who hates the

Petitioner avers that, under the law, he is entitled to trial by jury; and that he desires to have this cause tried by jury.

WHEREFORE: Petitioner prays that after due proceedings defendants. Gambi Publications, Inc. and Harold Weisberg, be condemned to pay to the Petitioner the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), with legal interest from judicial demand until paid, and all costs of this suit.

MARQUEZ-DIAZ & PARKER Attorneys for Petitioner

by:

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and

by:

Herbert C. Parker, III 822 Gravier Bldg., Gravier St. New Orleans, La., 70130

Please serve Defendants through Secretary of State Wade O. Martin, Jr.

Gambi Publications, Inc. 30-30 Northern Blvd. Long Island City, New York 11101

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May 19, 1967

Harold Weisberg, who is the author of Whitewash, one of the books on the Kennedy assassination. He asked me if I could, as a favor, send a copy of Danger on the Right Without any charge to Lynn Loisel, Office of the District Attorney, Tulane Avenue and Broad Street, New Orleans, Louisians. Will you please send a copy to this person without any letter or comment.

Mr. Weisberg tells me that he is being sued by an associate of Billy Jemes Enrgis. The suit is for libel based on statements Weisberg made income of his books. Mr. Weisberg lives in Hymthsville, Maryland and was served by means of a letter sent to him by the Secretary of State of Louisiana. He received this letter yesterday. He has twenty days in which to reply.

Mr. Weisberg tells me that he intends to fight this action and would like me to recommend to him a good reliable lawyer in New Orleans. I would appreciate it if you could, as quickly as possible, send me the names of one or two good lawyers in New Orleans who might be approached by Weisberg to handle the matter for him. I don't think he has very much money so that this is not a case involving any substantial fee, probably. But I would appreciate your letting me know as quickly as possible the names of one or two such lawyers I could refer to Harold. Of course, I'll need their addresses and phone numbers.

Incidentally, Harold, on the basis of his publication of Whitewash pointing to flaws in the Warren Commission's investigation, has apparently been cooperating with Garrison in your District Attorney's investigation of aspects of the Kennedy assassination. Obviously, even though I am a friend of Harold, neither I nor ADL can in any way be involved in this aspect of Harold's activities. But he is a good person us, ADL, and who has long been a friend of mine. Anything you can do to help him in obtaining good counsel in this matter will be appreciated.

Every mention of Carlos Bringuier in WHITEWASH (incorrect title in legal papers) is in pp. 149-9.

"A. That petitioner was a former official of the Castro government in Guba until he defected in May 1960".

Whitewash: He is a avana-trained lawyer, a member of the Cuban bar and a former official of the Castro government until he defected in May 1960, a fact disguised to the degree possible in his appearance." (147)

10H33: XWXXXX Mr. Bringuier. Well, I was living in Havana until May 4, 1960.

I left Havana to Guatemala and Argentina, and I came to the inited States in
February 8, 1961

10H33: "Mr. Bringuier. Well, I was an attorney in Cuba and assistant secretary for the criminal court in Havana."

10H34: "Mr. Bringuier. Liebeler. And did you actually practise law in Cuba?

"Mr. Bringuier. Not actually, no. I didn't practise law because I was working, as I told you, in the criminal court, and in Havana, in Cuba, when you employed of the criminal court, you could not practise law."

10H34: "Mr. Liebeler. Am I correct in understanding that you left Cuba 'because of your feeling against the Castro regime and your oposition to that regime' 'Mr. Bringuier. That it correct...."

Marty, do you need any more on this?

"B. That petitioner disguised the aforesaid allegation to the degree possible during petitioners sworn testimony before the Warren Commission..."Does this need anything more? He was a Castro government employee and he said not a thing about his functions in the Havana court, of which an abundance has been printed in the United States. I did not say he disguised this, only "to the degree possible".

"C. That petitioner identified himself during sworn testimony before the Warren Commission as a salesman and manager of a store called Casa Boca (or Casa

Bocda), 107 Ecatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, he was, in fact, an owner in partnership with his brother-in-law, Rolando Pelaez".

Whitewash:"(147)Bringuier identified himself as a "salesman and manager" of a store called "Casa Boca", 107 Decatur Street...He was, in fact, an owner, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Rolando Pelaez".

10H33:"Mr. Bringuier. Well, I am a salesman, retail clothing store with the name Casa Roca, 107 Decatur Street. I am a salesman and manager of the store.X

Mr. Liebeler. How long have you been so employed?

"Mr. Bringuier. I started to work in that store in October 1, 1962 (sic)."

10H36. Mr. Bringuier....Oswald was in the store talking to my brother@inlew - that is my partner in the store-Rolando Pelaez".

That upon petitioner's arrival in New Orleans, "ouisiens on February 18, 1961, he was the delegate to of the Cuban Revolutionary Council."

Whitewash (147):On arrivel in New Orleans February 18, 1961, he was the 'delegate' of the 'Cuban evolutionary Council'. In June 1962 he was 'designated New Orleans delegate of the Cuban Student Directorate..."

I do not now have time to read all of his testimony to find out if he was the "delegate" ofnthe Cuban "evolutionary Council, but immediately I can establish his voluntary relationship with it by referring you to Bringuier Exhibit 4 (18H176), introduced into evidence on his initiative (10H46), identified as a document of his composition, with the identification of a series of "uban organizations at the end as signatories, including the Cuban Revolutionary Council and the Cuban Student Directorate. He also signed the copy used as an exhibit and (on page 47) aske for the return of the original.

"E. That the petitioner is an enemy of the United States, who hates the United States States more than he does Russia."

I did not say this or anything like it. I correctly quoted his neighbor Orest Pena (149):"Orest passionstely denounced his former friend Bringuier Russia (11H353). Quoting Spanish obscenities he says ringuier addressed to the United States, Pena challenged Liebeler, if he did not believe him, 'let him (Bringuier) and me take a lie detector Nexts test and see who is right on it.

On the cited page there is repetitious testimony that Bringuier "hates the United States". I quoted only some. If you want I'll copy the entire page for you. Let me quote just a few:

Pena:"I tell you "ringuier hates the United States as much as he hates Russia".

Without combing the testimony to find the exact words- what I quote above is repeated several times, to show you this is exactly wheat the Commission's counsel took from it, "Mr. Liebeler. Why do you say that Mr. Bringuier hates the United States more than he does Russia."

WADE O. MARTIN, JR. SECRETARY OF STATE

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